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1. EMBASSY HAS DISCUSSED SUBJECT CONFERENCE (MIDDLE EAST CIVIL AVIATION CONFERENCE) WITH W. DOUGLAS MCLEAN, MANAGING DIRECTOR FOR MIDDLE EAST MARKETING OF ARABAIR SERVICES CORP. LTD.. ACCORDING TO MCLEAN, COMPANY IS JOINTLY OWNED BY ROYAL JORDANIAN AIRLINE, SYRIAN AIR, AND HALABY INTERNATIONAL (I.E. NAJEEB E. HALABY). IT WAS FORMED TO PROVIDE SERVICES TO CIVIL AIR AUTHORITIES AND AIRLINES OF MIDDLE EAST.

2. MECACON, FOR WHICH DATES OF OCTOBER 20 THROUGH 22 ARE FIRM, IS TO BE FIRST OF SERIES OF ANNUAL CONFERENCES BEING HELD IN ORDER FOR MIDDLE EAST CIVIL AIR AUTHORITIES AND AIRLINES TO DISCUSS COMMON INTERESTS AND EXCHANGE INFORMATION.

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ACCORDING TO PRELIMINARY MECACON LITERATURE PURPOSE IS "TO ADVANCE THE SAFETY, EFFICIENCY, ECONOMY, AND COMFORT OF THE OPERATIONS OF AIRLINES, AIRWAYS AND AIRPORTS IN THE MIDDLE EAST," THROUH SERIES OF WORKSHOPS CONCERNING AIR TRAFFIC CONTROL, FLIGHT OPERATIONS, ENGINEERING, ETC.. REPRESENTATION FROM SOME DOZEN MIDDLE EAST COUNTRIES IS BEING INVITED. THESE ARE FOR MOST PART ARA STATES BUT ALSO

INCLUDE TURKEY, IRAN AND CYPRUS. IT IS INTENDED THAT UPON HIS RETURN TO JORDAN IN EARLY SEPTEMBER, KING HUSSEIN WILL ISSUE INVITATIONS TO OTHER HEADS OF STATE IN AREA TO SEND REPRESENTATIVES TO JORDA FOR CONFERENCE. AT SAME TIME, ALI GHANDOUR, PRESIDENT AND CHAIRMAN OF ROYAL JORDANIAN AIRLINES (ALIA), IS ISSUING INVITATIONS TO HIS COUNTERPARTS, AND SHARIF GHAZI R. NASER, DIRECTOR GENERAL OF JORDANIAN CIVIL AVIATION DEPARTMENT (DGCA) IS TO DO LIKEWISE. AT THIS POINT, HOWEVER, IT APPEARS THAT COOPERATION OF SHARIF GHAZI IS NOT ASSURED. ALIA AND DGCA ARE TO CO-HOST CONFERENCE. IF DGCA REMAINS UNCOOPERATIVE, ARABAIR HOPES THAT CACAS (CIVIL AVIATION COUNCIL OF ARAB STATES), NOW IN ROLE OF "COOPERATING" IN CONFERENCE, WILL ISSUE INVITATIONS AND PERHAPS TAKE OVER ROLE AS CO-HOST.

3. TENTATIVE SCHEDULE INCLUDES WELCOMING REMARKS BY KING HUSSEIN FOLLOWED BY SPEAKERS INCLUDING NJEED HALABY, DR. R.R. SHAW, ASST. DIRECTOR GENERAL OF IATA, OFFICIALS OF AACO AND ALPA, B. WYGLE, BOEING V.P., R. STARK, LOCKHEED V.P., JACK WADDELL, BOEING CHIEF PILOT, CLYDE PACE AND DAVID THOMAS OF FAA, NEIL ARMSTRONG, FRANK BORMAN AND VARIETY OF RANKING AIRLINE OFFICIALS OVER COURSE OF THREE-DAY PROGRAM.

4. ALTHOUGH KING'S SCHEDULE IS DIFFICULT TO PIN DOWN MUCH IN ADVANCE, WE BELIEVE HE MOST LIKELY WILL "SPONSOR" CONFERENCE
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AND DELIVER OPENING REMARKS.

5. ROBERT PETERS AND WILLIAM GATES OF FEDERAL AVIATION ADMINISTRATION TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE TEAM CURRENTLY WORKING IN JORDAN HAVE SEPARATELY DISCUSSED MECACON '77 WITH MCLEAN. THEY AND EMBASSY AGREE THAT IF AGENDA AND PARTICIPATION TURNS OUT AS CURRENTLY PLANNED BY ARABAIR, FAA INTERESTS WOULD BE WELL SERVED BY PARTICIPATION.

6. MCLEAN HAS ADVISED EMBASSY THAT FURTHER AND MORE CURRENT INFORMATION ON MECACON '77 CAN BE OBTAINED FROM MR. RALPH MEOLA, DIRECTOR OF U.S. OPERATIONS, ARABAIR, 640 FIFTH AVENUE, NEW YORK, NEW YORK.
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